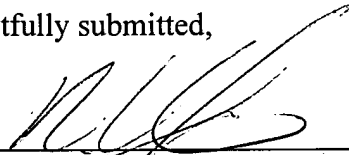


Remarks

The amendments above clarify, without narrowing the scope of the originally filed claims. The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as anticipated by Hsiao, reading element 61 as anticipating the weight distribution surface limitation. Element 61 in Hsiao is a seat cushion. There is no support in the present application for reading the weight distribution on a seat cushion, and the original claims never extended that far. The present limitations clarify that original scope by additionally reciting the structural distinction between the weight distribution surface claimed in the seat cushion environment of the invention.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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